

THE MISTRESS Of the Mine.

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"The Face and The Mask."

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CHAPTER XIII.

The chances are that no matter under what circumstances young Longworth and Kenyon had first met, the former would have disliked the latter. Although strong friendships are formed between people who are very much unlike, still it must not be forgotten that equally strong hatreds have arisen between people merely because they are of opposite natures. No two young men could have been more unlike each other, and as Longworth recalled the different meetings he had had with Kenyon, he admitted to himself that he disliked the fellow extremely. The evident friendship which his cousin felt for Kenyon added a bitterness to this dislike that was rapidly turning it into hate. However, he calmed down sufficiently on going home in the carriage to know that it was better to say nothing about her meeting with Kenyon unless she introduced the subject. After all, the carriage was hers, not his, and he recognized that fact. He wondered how much Kenyon had told her of the interview at his uncle's office. He flattered himself, however, that he knew enough of women to be sure that she would very speedily refer to the subject, and then he hoped to find out just how much had been said. To his surprise, his cousin said nothing at all about the matter, neither that evening nor the next morning, and consequently he went to his office in rather a bewildered state of mind.

On arriving at his room in the city he found Melville waiting for him.

Melville shook hands with young Longworth and, taking a mineral specimen from his pocket, placed it on the young man's desk, saying:

"I suppose you know where that comes from?"

Longworth looked at it in a bewildered sort of way, turning it round and round in his hand.

"I haven't the slightest idea, really."

"No? I was told you were interested in the mine from which this was taken. Mr. Wentworth called on me yesterday and gave your name as one of those who were concerned with the mine."

"Ah, yes, I see; yes, yes, I have—some interest in the mine."

"Well, it is about that I came to talk with you. Where is the mine situated?"

"It is near the Ottawa river, I believe, some distance above Montreal. I am not certain about its exact position, but it is somewhere in that neighborhood."

"I thought by the way Wentworth talked it was in the United States. He mentioned another person as being his partner in the affair. I forgot his name."

"John Kenyon, probably."

"Kenyon? Yes, I think that was the name. Yes, I am sure it was. Now may I ask what is your connection with that mine? Are you a partner of Wentworth's and Kenyon's? Are you the chief owner of the mine, or is the mine owned by them?"

"In the first place, Mr. Melville, I should like to know why you ask me these questions."

Melville laughed. "Well, I will tell you. We should like to know what chance there is of our getting a controlling interest in the mine. That is very frankly put, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is. But whom do you mean by 'we'? Who else besides yourself?"

"By 'we' I mean the china company to which I belong. This mineral is useful in making china. That I suppose you know."

"Yes, I was aware of that," answered Longworth, although he heard it now for the first time.

"Very well, then; I should like to know who is the owner of the mine."

"The owner of the mine at present is some foreigner, whose name and address I do not know. The two young men you speak of have an option on that mine for a certain length of time; how long I don't know. They have been urging me to go in with them to form a company for the floating of that mine, for £200,000, on the London market."

"He mentioned £200,000," said Melville. "It struck me as rather a large amount."

"Do you think so? Well, the objection I had to it was that it was too small."

"It seems to me the young men have an exaggerated idea of the value of this mineral if they think it will pay dividends on £200,000."

"This mineral is not all there is in the mine. In fact, it is already paying a dividend on £200,000 or thereabouts because of the mica in it. It is being mined for mica alone. To tell the truth, I did not know much about the other mineral."

"And do you think the mine is worth £200,000?"

"Frankly, I do not."

"Then why are you connected with it?"

"I am not connected with it—at least, not definitely connected with it. I have the matter under consideration. Of course, if there is anything approaching a swindle in it, I shall have nothing to do with it. It will depend largely upon the figures that the young men show me whether I have anything to do with it or not."

"I see; I understand your position. Then, lowering his voice, Melville leaned over toward young Longworth and

said: "You are a man of business. Now I want to ask you what would be the chance of our getting the mine at something like the original option price, which is, of course, very much less than £200,000? We do not want to have too many in it. In fact, if you could get it for us at a reasonable rate, and did not care to be troubled with the property yourself, we would take the whole ourselves."

Young Longworth pondered a moment, and then said to Melville: "Do you mean to freeze out the other two fellows, as they say in America?"

"I do not know about freezing out, but, of course, with the other two there is so much less profit to be divided. We should like to deal with just as few as possible."

"Exactly. I see what you mean. Well, I think it can be done. Are you in very great hurry for the mine?"

"Not particularly. Why?"

"Well, if things are worked rightly, I don't know but that we could get it for the original option. That would mean, of course, to wait until this first option had run out."

"Wouldn't there be a little danger in that? They may form their company in the meantime, and then we should lose everything. Our interest in the matter is as much to prevent anyone getting hold of the mine as to get it ourselves."

"I see. I will think it over. I believe it can be done without much risk; but, of course, we shall have to be reasonably quiet about the matter."

"Oh, certainly, certainly."

"Very good. I will see you again after I have thought over the affair, and we can come to some arrangement."

"I may say that our manager has written a note to Wentworth saying that this mineral is of no particular use to us."

"Exactly," said young Longworth, with a look of intelligence.

"So, of course, in speaking with Wentworth about the matter, it is just as well not to mention us in any way."

"I shall not do so."

"Very well. I will leave the matter in your hands for the present."

"Yes; do so. I will think it over this afternoon, and probably see Wentworth and Kenyon to-morrow. There is no immediate hurry, for I happen to know they have not done anything yet."

With that Mr. Melville took his leave, and young Longworth paced up and down the room, evolving a plan that would at once bring him money and give him the satisfaction of making it lively for John Kenyon.

That night at home young Longworth waited for his cousin to say something about Kenyon, but he soon saw that she did not intend to speak of him at all. So he said to her:

"Edith, do you remember Kenyon and Wentworth, who were on board the steamer?"

"Do I remember them? Certainly."

"Well, do you know they had a mining property for sale?"

"Yes."

"I have been thinking about it. To tell the truth, Kenyon called at my office a day or two ago, and at that time, not having given the subject much thought, I could not give him any encouragement; but I have been pondering over it since, and have almost concluded to help them. What do you think about it?"

"Oh, I think it would be an excellent plan. I am sure the property is a good one, or John Kenyon would have nothing to do with it. I shall write a note to them, if you think it best, inviting them up here to talk to you about it."

"Oh, that will not be necessary at all. I do not want people to come here to talk business. My office is the proper place."

"Still, we met them in a friendly way on board the steamer, and I think it would be nice if they would come here some evening and talk over the matter with you."

"I don't believe in introducing business into a person's home. This would be purely a business conversation, and it may as well take place at my office, or at Wentworth's, if he has one, as I suppose he has."

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"Oh, certainly; his address is—"

"Oh, you know it, do you?"

Edith blushed as she realized what she had said; then she remarked: "Is there any harm in my knowing the business address of Mr. Wentworth?"

"Oh, not at all—not at all. I merely wondered how you happened to know his address when I didn't."

"Well, it doesn't matter how I know it. I am glad you are going to join him, and I am sure you will be successful. Will you see them to-morrow?"

"I think so. I shall call on Wentworth and have a talk with him about it. Of course we may not be able to come to a workable arrangement. If not, it really does not so very much matter. But if I can make satisfactory terms with them, I will help them to form their company."

When Edith went to her room she wrote a note. It was addressed to George Wentworth in the city, but above that address was the name of John Kenyon. She said:

"DEAR MR. KENYON: I felt certain at the time you spoke, although I said nothing of it, that my cousin was not so much at fault in forgetting his conversation as you thought. We had a talk to-night about the mine, and when he calls upon you to-morrow, as he intends to do, I want you to know that I said nothing whatever to him about what you said to me. He mentioned the subject first. I wanted you to know this, because you might feel embarrassed when you met him, by thinking I had sent him to you. That is not at all the case. He goes to you of his own accord, and I am sure you will find his assistance in forming a company very valuable. I am glad to think you will be partners. Yours very truly, EDITH LONGWORTH."

She gave this letter to her maid to post, and young Longworth met the maid in the hall with the letter in her hand. He somehow suspected, after the foregoing conversation, to whom the letter was addressed.

"Where are you going with that?"

"To the post, sir."

"I am going out; to save you the trouble, I will take it."

After passing the corner, he looked at the address on the envelope; then he swore to himself a little. If he had been a villain in a play he would have opened the letter; but he did not. He merely dropped it into the first pillar box he came to, and in due time it reached John Kenyon.

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JAS. WAKEFIELD, County Clerk.

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| 100 lbs. fine gr. sugar | \$5.00 |
| 25 " brown sugar | 1.00 |
| 5 pags. Lyon coffee | .95 |
| 5 " Arbuckle coffee | .95 |
| 5 " Breakfast coffee | .95 |
| 5 " Crushed Java | .90 |
| 7 lbs. good bulk Coffee | 1.00 |
| 1 box Claret soap | 3.15 |
| 1 " Lenox soap | 3.15 |
| 1 " Ark Soap | 2.45 |
| 5 packages Gold dust | 1.00 |
| 25 " Goldine | 1.00 |
| 1 case, 2 doz. Tomatoes | 1.75 |
| 1 " 2 doz. Corn | 1.65 |
| Brick cheese by cake | 12c lb |
| Limberger " | 14 lb |
| Herkmer " | 12c lb |
| 15 lbs. Figs | 1.00 |
| 15 " Dates | 1.00 |
| 15 " evaporated Apples | 1.00 |
| 15 " Cal. Peaches | 1.00 |
| 15 " Blackberries | 1.00 |
| 15 " Raisins | 1.00 |
| 9 " Cal. Apricots | 1.00 |
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(First published 13 Nov. 1896.)

State of Kansas, Allen County, ss.

In the District Court, Seventh Judicial District, sitting in and for Allen county, state of Kansas.

Reuben Richardson plaintiff

vs.

Louis Kirkman and Lizzie Kirkman his wife, defendants.

By virtue of an order of sale of attached property issued by the Clerk of the Seventh Judicial District Court, in and for Allen county, State of Kansas, in the above entitled cause, and to me directed and delivered, I will on Monday, December 14, A. D. 1896, at 10 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the front door of the court house in the city of Iola, Allen county, Kansas, offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, the following real estate, to-wit: Lots No. one (1) and two (2) of Block No. one hundred and twenty-two (122) in Iola, Allen county, Kansas. Said lands and tenements will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said order of sale.

C. C. AUCHERMAN, Sheriff of Allen County, Kansas.

Sheriff's office, Iola, Kansas, Nov. 27, 1896.

Forst & Son, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Road Notice.

(First Published Nov. 27, 1896.)

(W. B. Dickerson, et al Petitioners.)

State of Kansas, Allen County ss.

The State of Kansas to Whom It May Concern.

Whereas, Application has been made by petition to the Board of County Commissioners of Allen county, for varying a county road, as follows: to-wit: Commencing at the center of the East line of section thirty-five (35) in township twenty-three (23), of range eighteen (18), in said county and state, then running West on the line between the North one-half (1/2) and the South one-half (1/2) of said section to the center of the West line of said section.

And Whereas, J. B. Duhan, Sam. Jordan and J. F. Wright, viewers, and Lute P. Stover, county surveyor of said county, have been ordered by said County Commissioners to view, survey and vacate said road.

Therefore, you are hereby notified that said viewers and surveyor will proceed, on the 17th day of December 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the place of beginning of said road, to view, survey and vacate a description of the premises on which you claim damages or compensation, your application for the same will be heard.

Witness my hand at my office in Iola, in said county, this 20th day of November, A. D. 1896.

JAS. WAKEFIELD, County Clerk.

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HERD LAW.

(Elmore Township, Allen County, Kan.) Ordered: That all persons owning domestic animals, as herein specified, namely: horses, asses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and goats, shall restrain the same from running at large at any time in Elmore township, Allen county, Kansas.

This order shall take effect and be in force on and after the 20th day of December, A. D. 1896. It shall be entered in full on the journal of this days proceedings and shall be published for three consecutive weeks in the Iola Register, and such publication shall be fully completed and the affidavit of such publication be filed and entered on the journal of the Board of County Commissioners before this order shall have any force or effect.

Done by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, this 7th day of Nov. 1896.

JAS. WAKEFIELD, County Clerk.

State of Kansas,